## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2007-243-WS - ORDER NO. 2011-477

JULY 5, 2011

IN RE: Application of Harbor Island Utilities,	)	ORDER APPROVING
Incorporated for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates	)	PASS THROUGH OF FEE
and Charges for Water and Sewer Service Provided to	)	INCREASE
Residential and Commercial Customers in Harbor	)	
Island, Beaufort County	)	
•	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on Harbor Island Utilities, Inc.'s (Harbor Island's or the Company's) request to pass through to its customers the \$0.23 per thousand gallons increase in the wholesale water rate charged by Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA), effective with the July 1, 2011 billing cycle. This will increase the Company's retail commodity rate for water from \$4.14 per thousand gallons to \$4.37 per thousand gallons. The Company indicated that it was sending notice of the increase in this rate by BJWSA to its customers during the week of June 13, 2011.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (G) (Supp. 2010) states that the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon Order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. Clearly, this rate increase request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return of the Company. The Company is merely proposing to pass through to its retail customers an increase in the

wholesale rate for water that it is being charged by its water wholesaler BJWSA.

Accordingly, we find that we can approve the proposed increase without a hearing.

Because Harbor Island is merely passing through, without markup, an increase in its wholesale rate, we hereby approve the request as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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